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1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN PROPOSED STAFFING FOR FY77. AUTHORIZATION IS URGENTLY REQUESTED TO RECRUIT THE 2 US CIVILIANS WHICH ARE NEEDED ON BOARD NOW TO CONTINUE EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF THIS ORGANIZATION. ODC HAS NOT BEEN RELIEVED OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO BE ADMINISTRATIVELY SELF-SUPPORTING AND IS STILL RESPONSIVE TO DOD REGULATIONS AND DIRECTIVES. THE APPROPRIATE DOD CONTROL AND SAFEGUARDING OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL, AS WELL AS OTHER DUTIES REQUIRING ONLY US HANDLING, CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT BY FSL STAFF AND IS OBVIOUSLY BEYOND THE CAPABILITY OF ONE US CIVILIAN. UNDER SECURITY REGULATIONS, NO FOREIGN EMPLOYEE HAS ACCESS TO ODC SECURE AREA.

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2. EMBASSY DOES NOT CONCUR IN PROPOSED REDUCED MANNING

FOR FY78. UNLIKE OTHER NATO COUNTRIES, THERE ARE NO US MILITARY AGENCIES IN COUNTRY WHICH COULD ASSUME FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY ODC, AND CURRENT LEGISLATION PROHIBITS ASSIGNMENT OF SUCH FUNCTIONS TO THE USDAO BEGINNING IN FY78.

3. REDUCED FY78 MANNING LEVELS WOULD:

A. PRECLUDE SUPERVISION OF THE OVER \$600 MILLION RESIDUAL MAP/FAP EQUIPMENT YET IN THE HANDS OF THE FRENCH. AS THIS EQUIPMENT IS GETTING OLDER, EXCESS DECLARATIONS ARE INCREASING, WITH A COMMENSURATE INCREASE IN WORKLOAD.

B. REDUCE EFFECTIVENESS IN HANDLING OF FMS, US INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, AND APPROPRIATE MILITARY LIAISON.

C. REDUCE IN-COUNTRY MONITORING AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER 94 DATA EXCHANGE ANNEXES (MUTUAL DEVELOPMENT MASTER DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENT OF 21 MARCH 1962), AND 4 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.

D. REMOVE ABILITY TO BE ADMINISTRATIVELY SELF-SUPPORTING.

4. MOREOVER, THERE WOULD BE AN IMBALANCE BETWEEN NUMBERS OF SUPERVISORY VS CLERICAL PERSONNEL. ODC OFFICERS WOULD HAVE TO ASSUME MANY ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AT THE EXPENSE OF MORE SIGNIFICANT MISSION CONNECTED REQUIREMENTS. THE FORMER (3 EM, 1 DAC) US ADMIN STAFF, IN ADDITION TO HANDLING ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ACTED AS ACTION OFFICERS IN THE HANDLING OF NUMEROUS ROUTINE MATTERS. FOR EXAMPLE, DURING THE PERIOD 1 JAN 76 - 30 SEP 76, ODC/MAAG ORIGINATED 646 TELEGRAMS, WITH A SIMILAR OUTPUT OF LETTERS, REPORTS, ETC. CERTAINLY, THE PROPOSED FY 78 STAFFING COULD NOT IN ANY WAY HANDLE THE WORKLOAD PRESENTLY PERFORMED BY ODC.

5. IT IS OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT PRIOR TO ANY RECONFIDENTIAL

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DUCTIONS BEYOND THE FY 77 PROPOSED STAFFING THE MISSION AND FUNCTIONS OF THIS ORGANIZATION BE SUBJECTED TO A THOROUGH REVIEW. IN ANY CASE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT NO STAFFING REDUCTIONS BE CONTEMPLATED WITHOUT AN EQUAL REDUCTION IN FUNCTIONS.
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